

Protocols for the Administration of the Colonel Edwin W. Lewis, Jr. Flight Scholarship

This Flight Scholarship was created to honor the memory of Colonel Edwin W. Lewis, a 56-year member of Civil Air Patrol. At the time of his death he was the Director of Operations for the Pacific Region, Civil Air Patrol. He was a “pilot’s pilot” with vast knowledge of aviation from Cessna 0-1 Bird Dog’s to Boeing 747s. To introduce a Civil Air Patrol Cadet to the wonders of flight, this scholarship was created.

ADMINISTRATION

It is envisioned that this scholarship will be an annual gift, to be given to a worthy Cadet from one of the Wings of the Pacific Region. The presentation will be on the 28th of May each year, the anniversary of Col. Lewis joining CAP.

Funds donated to the scholarship will be deposited in a special account at the National Headquarters, Civil Air Patrol, Maxwell AFB, Alabama. Donations will be accepted year round.

Applications will be accepted until 01 May each year. Send all applications to Pacific Region HQ, P.O. Box 4718, Hayward CA, 94540-4718. The selection committee will then have one month to choose the recipient.

The selection committee will be composed of the Region Commander or Vice Commander, the Region Director of Cadets and Colonel Lewis’s widow, Midge Lewis. They will review the applications and select the recipient.

Funds from this scholarship will be used only for initial aviation flight training and no other purpose.

The amount of the scholarship may vary every year depending on the interest earned and donations to the funds in the account.

The application will consist of a one page, double spaced letter to the selection committee stating the reasons for the Cadet’s desire to fly and what their goals in aviation would be.

Colonel Edwin W. Lewis, Jr. Flight Scholarship Award

Colonel Ed Lewis entered the USAF through the ROTC program where he became a USAF pilot and flight instructor. During the Vietnam War he flew over 100 combat missions as a forward air controller. He was awarded both the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Bronze Star for service in Vietnam. After the war he was a Pan American Airlines pilot for more than 20 years while also being an instructor pilot for the Air National Guard's 129th Air Rescue and Recovery Group. He retired in 1989 as a Colonel and Commander of that unit. Upon retirement from Pan American Airlines he became a research pilot for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration where he flew many airplanes including the F-18 Hornet. At age 71 he was still flying this Mach 2 supersonic airplane. Colonel Lewis joined the Civil Air Patrol as a Cadet in 1951 and remained a member until his death. Following his return from Vietnam he became the Commander of Civil Air Patrol's San Francisco Group 20. He followed this as Commander of the California Wing and the Pacific Region. He was elected the National Vice Commander in 1993. He was the Director of Operations for Pacific Region when he passed away. He served Civil Air Patrol for 56 years!

This Flight Scholarship will be awarded to a deserving Civil Air Patrol Cadet from one of the wings composing the Pacific Region. The selection committee will select one Cadet who has a high desire to learn to fly and shows promise of success.

APPLICATION for the Colonel Ed Lewis Flight Scholarship

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

Cadet Rank _____ Unit of Assignment _____

Years in Civil Air Patrol _____ CAP Wing _____

Type a one page, double spaced (12 point script) letter stating why you desire this Scholarship, what your goals in aviation are and why you should be the recipient. Submit this application and the letter to: Pacific Region HQ. Civil Air Patrol, P.O. Box 4718, Hayward, California, 94540, Attn: Scholarship Committee.

The cut off date for submission is 1 May each year.

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